ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

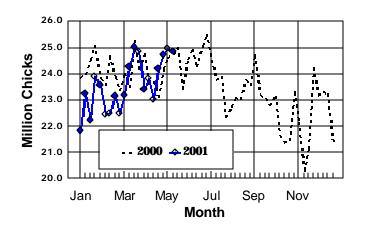
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.9 million during the week ending May 19, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and slightly below the previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through May 19, 2001 were 471.7 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.1 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but slightly above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.9 percent.

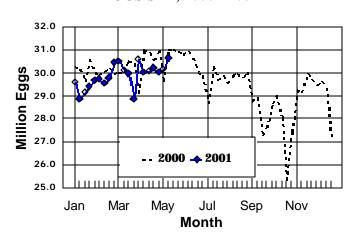
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 19, 2001, 1 percent below the same period last year, but up 2 percent from the previous week.

	NET PL	ACEME	NTS	CHICK	KS HATCI	HED	EGGS SET			
Week Ending	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	
	1,00	00		1,00	00		1,00			
Apr. 14	23,680	23,813	101	24,986	24,822	99	30,893	30,029	97	
Apr. 21	23,109	23,026	100	23,835	23,852	100	30,577	30,087	98	
Apr. 28	24,879	24,197	97	25,270	25,267	100	31,026	30,253	98	
May 5	24,666	24,730	100	25,402	24,919	98	29,675	30,017	101	
May 12	24,716	24,972	101	25,365	25,054	99	31,064	30,173	97	
May 19	25,155	24,859	99	25,575	25,092	98	31,033	30,645	99	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
STATE	28-Apr	05-May	12-May	19-May	%	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	05-May	12-May	19-May	%
Alabama	28,954 *	28,872	29,600	29,517	101	21,857	22,135	22,088	22,290	21,476	21,675	99
ARKANSAS	30,253	30,017	30,173	30,645	99	23,813	23,026	24,197	24,730	24,972	24,859	99
Delaware	3,573	3,588	3,680	3,710	83	4,672	5,155	4,717	4,190	5,032 *	4,925	101
Florida	2,381	2,376	2,400	2,399	84	2,468	2,395	2,458	2,411	2,362	2,390	102
Georgia	32,501 *	31,878 *	32,278	32,207	100	25,440	25,341	25,045	25,981	25,468	26,221	102
Maryland	8,724	8,769	8,960	8,532	101	6,107 *	4,874 *	5,782	5,559 *	5,702 *	5,819	97
Mississippi	18,069 *	18,744	19,089	19,140	102	15,615	15,331	15,671	15,690	14,837 *	15,152	101
N. Carolina	18,029 *	17,861	18,342	18,000	98	14,405	14,437	14,690	13,794	14,622	14,892	100
Pennsylvania	3,749 *	3,861 *	3,821 *	3,824	103	2,556	2,751	2,785 *	2,738 *	2,673 *	2,655	99
S. Carolina	4,983	4,968	5,087	5,023	102	4,584	3,909	4,464	3,878	4,411 *	3,967	95
Texas	15,299	15,289	15,290	15,307	106	11,606	11,461	11,970	11,917	11,943	12,181	102
Virginia	6,663 *	6,812 *	6,605 *	6,637	101	5,415	6,051	5,322 *	6,194 *	5,704 *	5,031	95
CATN & W VA	10,959	11,484	11,586 *	11,621	102	10,694	10,282	10,340	10,060	10,797 *	9,930	99
Total 2000-2001	184,137 *	184,519 *	186,911 *	186,562		149,232 *	147,148 *	149,529 *	149,432 *	149,999 *	149,697	
Total 1999-2000	186,476	183,698	185,949	186,522		148,314	148,919	151,362	150,793	150,139	149,857	
% PREV. YEAR	99	100	101	100		101	99	99	99	100	100	
APPROXIMATE M	MARKETING	DATE 2001				02-Jun	09-Jun	16-Jun	23-Jun	30-Jun	07-Jul	
* Revised.	1/ Curren	t week as pe	rcent of the	same weel	k last y	ear.						
*Kentucky	5,339	5,115	5,513	5,247	****	3,172	4,281	4,329	3,987	4,653 *	4,203	****
*Oklahoma	6,333	6,109	6,180	6,358	****	4,629	4,565	5,319	4,298	4,274	4,779	****
*LA & MO	9,380	9,444	9,444	9,300	****	9,005	9,143	8,843	9,075	8,951	8,491	****
19 StateTotal	205,189 *	205,187 *	208,048 *	207,467		166,038 *	165,137 *	168,020 *	166,792 *	167,877 *	167,170	

^{*} Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 187 million eggs during the week ending May 19, 2001. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 19, 2001. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through May 19, 2001 were 2.93 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.